(f) the trains for which tickets at short notice shall not be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing and new Tatkal charges are as under:—

SI.No.	Class	Existing Tatkal Chages	Revised Tatkal Chages	
			During non-peak period (15th July to 15th September)	Other than non-peak period
(i)	AC2-tier	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 300/-
(II)	AC3-tier	Rs. 150/-	Rs. 200/-	Rs. 300/-
(iii)	AC Chair Car	Rs. 150/-	Rs. 75/-	Rs. 150/-
(iv)	Sleeper	RS. 50/-	Rs. 75/-	Rs. 150/-

The revised charges are being made effective in trains phase-wise starting from 14h November 2004 for the journeys commencing from i5.11.2004 under the new Tatkal scheme.

(c) New Tatkal Scheme which started in trains phase-wise from 14.11.2004 has many passenger friendly features eliminating the shortcomings in the pevious Scheme. The charges had to be revised to stop misuse of the facility.

(d) to (f) Instead of earmarking of full coach in the previous Tatkal Scheme, suitable Tatkal quota has been earmarked in various classes in Mail/Express trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Jan Shatabdi Express trains under the New Tatkal Scheme. All Mail/Expess trains will be covered in due course of time.

New technology in S&T meant for level crossings

287. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are implementing new technology in S&T system, which provides warnings to road users at level crossings to control rail accidents;

(b) if so, the details of the project; and

(c) the details of manned and unmanned level crossings which have, so far, been covered and success so far received after implementation of the system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The system warns road users about an approaching train through audio siren and visual flashing light after detecting it from a distance of more than 2000 metres away. The work of provision of Train Actuated Warning Device based on Digital Axle Detector is in progress on 90 Level Crossing (L.C.) gates (70 manned and 20 unmanned L.C. gates) for conducting extended trials to check its working under varied local condition and environment. The work is targeted of completion at these gates in 2004-05 on Northern, North Eastern, North Western, North Central, East coast, Southern, South Eastern and South Central Railways. The result of extended trial is expected to be known by March'05.

Proposals for construction of new rail lines in Maharashtra

288. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and other particulars of proposals for construction of new rail lines, doubling/widening of existing railway lines, received from the Government of Maharashtra, which are pending for consideration and approval of the Central Government;

(b) when these proposals were received from the Government of Maharashtra; and

(c) the present status of each of these proposals and when a final decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Chief Minister of Maharashtra in a letter received on 25.06.2004 has requested regarding new proposals for new lines, gauge conversions and doublings, the details of which are as under: